

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NEGOTIATING SESSIONS

Negotiations of Proposed State Water Project Contract Amendments to Permanently Transfer Table A Amounts

This notice informs the public of negotiating sessions between DWR and local agencies for the following transaction:

Proposed amendments to the long term water supply contracts between the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Coachella Valley Water District (Coachella), between DWR and Desert Water Agency (Desert), and between DWR and Kern County Water Agency (Kern). The proposed amendments would permanently transfer 12,000 acre-feet of Table A Amount from Kern to Coachella, and 4,000 acre-feet of Table A Amount from Kern to Desert. Two separate amendments to Kern's contract would be executed to transfer the Table A Amounts to Coachella and Desert.

Background

As a result of litigation concerning the Monterey Amendment to the long-term water supply contracts of the SWP, the Department entered into a Settlement Agreement (Settlement) with the Planning and Conservation League, Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County, Inc. Pursuant to the Settlement, the Department agreed to permit public participation in the negotiation process for certain amendments to the long term water supply contracts, including contract amendments to transfer Table A Amounts between existing SWP contractors. The full text of the Settlement and further information regarding the Monterey Agreement, Monterey Amendment, and the current Monterey Plus effort, including future opportunities for public involvement are available on the worldwide web at <http://www.montereyamendments.water.ca.gov/>.

Date: January 24, 2006

**Location: Coachella Valley Water District – Forbes Auditorium
85-995 Avenue 52
Coachella, CA 92236**

Time: 9:00 a.m. The “public negotiation” will be conducted during the Coachella Board of Directors January 24, 2006 Board meeting. Coachella’s Board will also consider certification of the CEQA document for the proposed transfer at this Board meeting.

Copies of the draft contract amendments will be available at the negotiating session.

Please also note that the lead agency’s (Coachella’s) CEQA public comment period on the Draft Tiered Negative Declaration for the proposed transfer ends on January 10, 2006. All written comments must be received on or before this date.

Further questions should be directed to:

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